

Supervisor Lesko and Town Officials Celebrate the 5th Annual Great Brookhaven Clean-up

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This year's event featured over 5,000 volunteers who collected over 30 tons of litter



Supervisor Mark Lesko; Councilwoman Connie Keper (right of Supervisor Lesko); and "Curby" join volunteers in Bellport.



Supervisor Lesko, Curby, and Councilman Dan Panico are pictured with volunteers at William Paca Middle School in Mastic Beach.

Farmingville, NY - On April 21, Supervisor Mark Lesko and Town Officials took part in the 5th Annual Great Brookhaven Clean-up. Over 5,000 volunteers participated in this year's event, which collected over 60,000 lbs. (30 tons) of litter throughout the Town of Brookhaven's parks, roadways, rivers, lakes, and shoreline. This event is part of a national effort that includes 2.3 million volunteers in more than 15,000 communities.

"This year's Great Brookhaven Clean-up was another tremendous success," said Supervisor Mark Lesko, "It was extremely encouraging to see so many people come out to help make the Town of Brookhaven a cleaner and more beautiful place to live. I sincerely thank all of those who took part in the event, whether they are a Town employee or one of the thousands of volunteers."

The Town of Brookhaven has also announced that the Great Brookhaven Plant-in will be held on Saturday, June 9th, at various locations throughout Brookhaven Town. Plants will be provided free of charge and will be available for pick-up for those registered for the Plant-in. Individuals or groups can register for the Plant-in at www.brookhaven.org.

"I am so proud of all of our residents who participated in this wonderful event. Thank you to the thousands of volunteers who participated in improving the quality of life for all of us in Brookhaven Town," said Deputy Supervisor / Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh.

"Every year I am consistently impressed by the people who come together to clean up their neighborhoods on our Clean Up event," commented Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico. "However, keeping our communities clean is a daily effort and I thank these groups and individuals for being on the forefront of that effort."



Councilwoman Kepert helps volunteers clean up her district.



"The Town of Brookhaven dedicates approximately \$3 million a year simply to pick up roadside litter, funds that could be better spent on our parks or roadways. The Great Brookhaven clean-up is an event in which volunteers help clean up their communities and neighborhoods, and send a message to those who carelessly throw out that coffee cup or can that litter is not tolerated here. It's satisfying and inspiring to see the great work that is accomplished when residents throughout the Town come together and take action to clean-up their neighborhoods," stated Councilwoman Connie Kepert.



Councilman Steve Fiore-Rosenfeld (left) thanks Boy Scout Troop 377 for their efforts.



Councilman Steve Fiore-Rosenfeld pictured with Maria Periera of the Port Jefferson Station Beautification Committee

"This year's Keep America Beautiful - Great Brookhaven Clean-up was a great success," said Councilman Steve Fiore-Rosenfeld, "I want to thank all of the hundreds of volunteer citizens who raked, cleaned, and planted throughout our township but in particular in our Three Village and Greater Port Jefferson communities. They have all helped to keep Brookhaven beautiful."

Councilman Tim Mazzei, liaison to the Department of Waste Management, said, "It's great to see that Brookhaven residents are thinking green and saving the taxpayers money by reducing disposal costs. Thank you everyone who made an effort to recycle more this year and I expect that we'll see our numbers increase in 2013."



Councilwoman Jane Bonner (fourth from left) pictured with Curby, volunteers, and members of the Mount Sinai Harbor Advisory Committee.

Councilwoman Jane Bonner said, "Thanks to all the residents that took the time to participate in the Great Brookhaven Cleanup. I especially enjoyed seeing the youngsters, who are genuinely concerned about the environment and willing to do something about it."

For more information on the Town of Brookhaven's upcoming Great Brookhaven Plant-in, please visit www.brookhaven.org.

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